

**4926. Misbranding of "California Tuna Tonic Tablets." U. S. \* \* \* v. California Good Health Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. No. 7054. I. S. No. 9256-e.)**

On March 22, 1916, the United States attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the California Good Health Co., a corporation, Louisville, Ky., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about May 8, 1913, from the State of Kentucky into the State of Washington, of a quantity of an article, labeled in part, (On wrapper) "California (Trade Mark.) Tuna Tonic Tablets," which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department, showed that the preparation is a coated pill containing essentially ferrous carbonate with a small quantity of nux vomica alkaloids.

It was alleged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the reason that certain statements included in the circular or pamphlet accompanying the article falsely and fraudulently represented it as a remedy for nervous prostration, swelling of the feet and limbs, spinal affections, rheumatism, sciatica, partial paralysis, insanity, St. Vitus dance, scrofula, catarrh, consumption, leucorrhoea, tardy or irregular periods, and la grippe, and as a remedy for the relief of all irregularities and suppressions, for all diseases of the nervous system, and effective for giving a healthy action to the heart, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On June 22, 1916, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

R. A. PEARSON. *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*